

REMARKS

The specification, abstract and claims have been amended to conform with US practice. The changes to the Specification/Abstract are shown in the marked-up copy of the application. A clean copy of the application and abstract is also attached. The changes have been made to cure minor informalities. No new matter has been added.

The amendments to the claims have been incorporated into the claims section of the amendment. No new matter has been added to the claims.

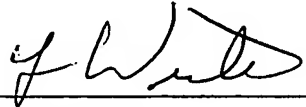
Responsive to Patent Office requirements, Applicant has submitted an English language specification and a Declaration. Applicant has submitted herewith the \$130.00 fee for the late filing of the Declaration. Although applicant is filing a substitute English language specification at this time, it should be noted that the \$130.00 fee for late filing of an English language specification was submitted when the application was originally filed.

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Applicant respectfully submits that the presently claimed invention is patentable and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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